**State and Local Leagues: Letter to the Editor Template on Medicaid/One Big Beautiful Bill**

For months during the federal budget reconciliation process, the League has vehemently opposed cuts to the Medicaid program. On July 4th, the President signed these cuts into law. People’s news feeds and inboxes are flooded, and **we need to continue helping people direct their outrage to action**. We are respectfully requesting that as many **state and local Leagues** as possibleutilize the below letter to the editor (LTE) template to submit to your state and local papers, respectively, **to educate our communities on the new law and mobilize them to join the Unite & Rise 8.5 initiative.**

Bill Background: On July 4th, the President signed into [law](https://www.congress.gov/congressional-record/volume-171/issue-114/house-section/article/H3059-1) a nearly 1,000-page budget bill that makes permanent and expands tax cuts that disproportionately benefit the wealthiest Americans, while slashing vital programs like Medicaid, Medicare, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP; formerly known as food stamps) for our most vulnerable community members.

League Efforts: During the budget reconciliation process, LWVUS opposed Medicaid cuts in a letter to the US [House](https://www.lwv.org/health-care-reform/lwvus-urges-house-minimize-cuts-medicaid) and [Senate](https://www.lwv.org/health-care-reform/lwvus-urges-senate-oppose-medicaid-cuts), an affiliate LTE template, a [video explainer](https://www.instagram.com/leagueofwomenvoters/reel/DKZc76HAZJV/?hl=en), a [blog](https://www.lwv.org/blog/whats-happening-medicaid-tax-cuts-and-budget-bills) (based on the House’s first version of the bill, but feel free to share), a social media explainer series, an action alert updated and promoted throughout the legislative process, and more. We didn’t get the outcome we wanted, but we need to keep doing our advocacy work, including building momentum to push back against the constitutional crisis we’re experiencing.

This template should be used by **state and local Leagues**. Note, most outlets publish instructions on how to submit an LTE. The directions will include the word limit (please be sure to adhere for the greatest chance of publication), email address for where to send your letter, and often guidelines on what the paper looks for in LTEs.

If you submit an LTE or have any questions, please contact Rebecca Goldman at rgoldman@lwv.org for record-keeping and support.

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Suggested Title: Still Fighting for Our Independence

Dear Editor:

This Independence Day, the President signed into law a nearly 1,000-page bill stripping tens of millions of our most vulnerable neighbors of health care and food to fund tax cuts for corporations and wealthy Americans. This is after thousands of people voiced their concerns to their elected officials. This is not what democracy looks like.

The law makes massive cuts to vital services, including Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP; formerly food stamps). It will make it harder for children, parents, pregnant people, seniors, and people with disabilities to enroll in and keep the benefits they need to survive. It is estimated to leave 11.8 million more people uninsured by 2034.

A population deprived of its basic needs is less able to hold elected officials accountable and push back against a constitutional crisis.

The nonpartisan League of Women Voters is working to build a movement of people from all walks of life and political backgrounds, who are ready to take nonviolent action from home or in the streets to protect and restore our democracy.

Visit lwv.org/uniteandrise to learn how you can get involved.

Our neighbors and our nation cannot wait.